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a base for supporting said holder section so that said holder section can pivot;
said holder section having a slit, through which a cable coupled with said optical reader can
pass.

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51. (Amended) A stand on which an optical reader, which includes a read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted, comprising:

a stand member on which said optical reader is mounted in such a manner that said grip of said optical reader extends laterally beyond a lateral side of said stand member;

a holder section in which said grip is mounted so that said grip can be dismounted freely; and

a base for supporting said holder section so that said holder section can pivot,

said stand member having a tongue, which is inserted into said holder section so that said tongue can be removed freely, on a bottom thereof.

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56. (Twice Amended) An optical unit, comprising:

an optical part having first and second stems formed coaxially on opposite edges thereof and a third stem formed in parallel with said second stem on one of the edges thereof; and

a frame on which said optical part is mounted, and which includes a first bearing having a slit shape into which said first stem is fitted, a second bearing into which said second stem is fitted, and a third elongated bearing into which said third stem is fitted and which forms an arc with said

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Add the following new claim 57:

E4 57. (Added) A stand according to claim 45, wherein said slit is provided on the same side of the holder section as the side of said optical reader having said read window.